

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Guy Hegg (arrived 9:03), Larry Kriescher, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies

Others present: Barry Benson, USDA, Wildlife Services (WS)

Absent: none.

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:
Chairman Farrey confirmed with Tom Davies that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve February 1, 2018 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Binder/Snider motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the processing fee for the Deer Donation Program had been increased in 2017 to \$65.00 per deer.
- Tom displayed the plaque for the Nancy Barker Educational Garden. The LCC was very pleased.
- Tom Davies passed out the February and March DATCP newsletter of the LCC to review.
- Tom Davies read a list of FSA updates on behalf of Rhonda Vande Hey, FSA Director.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the Soil Health Field Day is scheduled for August 21, 2018. Davies also stated that there would be a Manure Management meeting on August 23, 2018 at the Coughlin Center.
- Tom Davies explained the reason for delaying the survey equipment funding budget transfers.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that review and approval of the letters notifying landowners that their Manure Storage Facilities were being deemed "Idle" in accordance with the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance would be on the next LCC meeting agenda.
- Tom Davies passed out the newly completed 2017 Winnebago County LWCD Annual Report for the LCC to review.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey reported on the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting with DATCP regarding the Winnebago County Farmland Preservation Plan. Chairman Farrey explained that the County Farmland Preservation Plan would not be certified by DATCP. There was discussion on exploring a way to let individual towns get a Farmland Preservation Plan certified by DATCP and incorporating that into the County Plan in order to allow the landowners to continue to receive the tax credit. However, state law must be reviewed to see if that is allowable and it must also be approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Deny, the Additional 2017 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Participant Claims

Barry Benson, USDA, WS reviewed the list of additional WDACP participants for the LCC. Benson stated that the participants had complied with the program rules and he recommended that the LCC approve all the claims. Following the discussion a Snider/Hegg motion to approve all the additional claims as presented passed 7-0.

Review and Approve the Revised “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Operation Property Owner Consent Form”

Tom Davies reviewed the revised form and called out the edits recommended at the previous LCC meeting. Following a brief discussion a Snider/Kriescher motion to approve the form as revised passed 7-0.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to Provide Funding for Eligible Projects

Following a review of the CSA Summary Sheet a Bohn/Snider motion to approve \$323.00 for James and Jeanette Bryan for a well abandonment passed 7-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the changes to the project list.

A Kriescher/Hegg motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder